

Tech Talk!

April has arrived, and with it, hopefully some sunny weather to kick off the riding season! It's time to hit the road, but before we do, let's go over some important reminders to ensure a smooth and safe ride.

First up, let's talk about your bike's battery. If it hasn't been on a battery tender over the winter months, make sure to put a battery charger on it for a day or two before heading out. Check the state of charge to avoid any surprises of a dead battery leaving you stranded.

Second, don't forget to check your tire pressure. Low tire pressures can lead to dangerous riding conditions and potentially leave you stranded on the roadside. This is a crucial pre-ride check that should never be overlooked.

Next, let's talk about State Inspections. Take a look at your bike's inspection sticker – it's easy to overlook, but it's important. A state inspection can uncover issues like low brakes, tire tread depth, or wheel bearing problems that could lead to safety issues. Plus, having an expired sticker could result in costly fines if you're pulled over by law enforcement.

Now is the time to check your bike's maintenance. Don't forget to have your brake fluid flushed every two years! Brake fluid absorbs moisture, leading to rust inside the brake system and potential failures. Frozen brake calipers, failing brake master cylinders, and malfunctioning ABS control modules can result in costly repairs and even a loss of brakes. The same goes for the clutch's hydraulic system – make sure to have it flushed regularly. These maintenance tasks are crucial and should not be overlooked.

Equally important are Key Fobs: It's essential for everyone to change their key fob batteries at the start of each year.

Lastly, remember to review the hand signals needed for our chapter rides. Using these signals is vital for our safety as individuals and as a group. Let's keep each other safe and informed during our rides.

If you're unable to perform any of these maintenance tasks yourself, don't hesitate to contact our dealership and schedule an appointment. They will always take care of you and your bike. We're excited to see everyone out on our chapter rides; remember to ride safely!

Let's make this riding season one to remember!